

KuThithu

¹ Mina Phawuli inceku kaNkulunkulu lompostoli kaJesu Khristu wokukholwa kwabakhethiweyo bakaNkulunkulu lokwazi iqiniso eliholela ekwesabeni uNkulunkulu, ² ukukholwa lokwazi okweyame ethembeni lokuphila okulaphakade okwathenjiswa ekudatshulweni komhlaba nguNkulunkulu ³ njalo ngesikhathi sakhe esimisiweyo wabonakalisa ilizwi lakhe ngentshumayelo engayiphathiswa ngomlayo kaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu,

⁴ KuThithu indodana yami ngokukholwa kwethu sonke ngithi:

Umusa lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba lakuKhristu uJesu uMsindisi wethu.

Ukubeka Abadala Bebandla Abathanda Okuhle

⁵ Engakutshiyela khona eKhrethe yikuthi uqondise lokho okwasala kungaphelanga njalo ubeke abadala bebandla emizini yonke njengokukulaya kwami. ⁶ Umdala webandla kumele abe ngongasolekiyo, indoda elomfazi oyedwa, indoda elabantwana abakholwayo njalo abangelacala lobudlwangudlwangu loba ukwedelela. ⁷ Njengoba umthungameli ephathiswe umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu, kumele angabi lasici, angazikhukhumezi, ongazondi

masinyane, ongasisosidakwa, ongathandi ukulwa, ongadingi inzuzo ngobuqili. ⁸ Kodwa kumele abe ngophatha kuhle izihambi, othanda okuhle, ozikhuzayo, oqondileyo, ongcwele lozithibayo. ⁹ Kumele abambelele elizwini eliqotho njengokufundiswa kwalo ukuze akhuthaze abanye ngemfundiso eqotho njalo amelane lalabo abayiphikisayo.

Ukukhuza Abehluleka Ukwenza Okuhle

¹⁰ Ngoba banengi abantu abahlamukayo, abakhulumayo nje kanye labakhohlisi ikakhulu abeqembu lokusoka. ¹¹ Kumele bathuliswe ngoba bachitha imizi epheleleyo ngokufundisa izinto okungamelanga bazifundise besenzela ukuthola inzuzo ngobuqili lenkohliso. ¹² Omunye wabaphrofethi babo wathi, “AbaseKhrethe ngabantu bamanga, izilo ezimbi, izihwaba ezingamavila.” ¹³ Ubufakazi lobu buliqiniso. Ngakho-ke, bakhuze ngamandla ukuze baqine ekukholweni ¹⁴ bangalaleli izinganekwane zamaJuda loba imilayo yalabo abadela iqiniso. ¹⁵ Kwabahlambulukileyo izinto zonke zihlambulukile kodwa kulabo abaxhwalileyo njalo bengakholwa akulalutho oluhlambulukileyo. Ngempela, ingqondo lezazela zabo konke kuxhwalile. ¹⁶ Bathi uNkulunkulu bayamazi kodwa ngezenzo zabo bayamphika. Bayenyanyeka, bayadelela njalo kabafanelanga ukwenza loba kuyini okuhle.

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Ukwenza Okuhle Ngenxa Yevangeli

¹ Kumele ufundise okuvumelana lemfundiso eqotho. ² Fundisa amadoda amadala ukuzithiba, afanele ukuhlonitshwa, azikhuze, njalo aqine ekukholweni, ethandweni kanye lasekubekeleni.

³ Ngokunjalo, fundisa abesifazane abadala ukuba babe ngabahloniphayo ekuphileni kwabo, bangabi ngabahlebayo kumbe ababuswa liwayini kodwa ukuba bafundise okulungileyo.

⁴ Ngakho-ke, bangafundisa abesifazane abatsha ukuba bathande omkabo labantwana babo ⁵ ukuba bazikhuze njalo bahlambuluke, lokuba bakhuthale emakhaya, lokuba lomusa, lokuba bazehlise ngaphansi kwabomkabo ukuze kungabikhona ogcona ilizwi likaNkulunkulu.

⁶ Ngokunjalo, khuthaza abesilisa abatsha ukuba bazikhuze. ⁷ Kukho konke babekele isibonelo ngokwenza okuhle. Ekufundiseni kwakho tshengisa ubuqotho lokuzimisela ⁸ kanye lokukhuluma okulengqondo okungeke kusolwe ukuze kuthi labo abakuphikisayo bayangeke ngoba bengelalutho olubi abangalutsho ngathi.

⁹ Fundisa izisebenzi ukuba zizehlisele ngaphansi kwamakhosi azo ezintweni zonke, zizame ukuwathokozisa, zingawaphenduli, ¹⁰ zingawantshontsheli, kodwa zibonakalise ukuthi zingathembeka okupheleleyo ukuze kuthi ngakho konke zenze imfundiso ngoNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu ibe ngebukekayo.

¹¹ Ngoba umusa kaNkulunkulu oletha insindiso usubonakele ebantwini bonke. ¹² Uyasifundisa ukuthi “Hayi” ekweyiseni uNkulunkulu lasezinkanukweni zasemhlabeni

njalo siphile ngokuzikhuza, ngokuqonda empilweni yokulalela uNkulunkulu ngesikhathi samanje, ¹³ lapho sisalindele ithemba elibusisiweyo lokubonakala ngenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu wethu omkhulu longuMsindisi uJesu Khristu ¹⁴ owazinikela ngenxa yethu ukuba asihlengi ebubini bonke kanye lokuthi azihlambululele abantu abangabakhe, abatshisekela ukwenza okuhle.

¹⁵ Ngakho lezi yizinto okumele uzifundise. Khuthaza njalo ukhuze ngamandla wonke. Ungavumeli muntu ukuthi akweyise.

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Lisindisiwe Ukuze Lenze Okuhle

¹ Khumbuza abantu ukuba bazehlisele ngaphansi kwababusi, labaphathi, lokuba balalele, lokuba balungele ukwenza loba kuyini okuhle, ² lokunganyeyi muntu, lokuba lokuthula kanye lozwelo, kanye lokubonakalisa ukuzithoba okuqotho ebantwini bonke.

³ Ngesinye isikhathi lathi sake saba yiziwula, singalaleli, sikhohliswa njalo sithunjwe zinhlobo zonke zenkanuko kanye lenjabulo. Saphila phakathi kwenzondo lomhawu, sizondwa njalo sizondana. ⁴ Kodwa kwathi umusa lothando lukaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu sekubonakele, ⁵ wasisindisa, hatshi ngenxa yezinto ezilungileyo esasizenzile kodwa ngenxa yesihawu sakhe. Wasisindisa ngokugeziswa kokuzalwa kutsha kanye lokuvuselelwa nguMoya oNgcwele ⁶ amthela kakhulu phezu kwethu ngoJesu Khristu uMsindisi wethu ⁷ ukuze kuthi sesilungiswe ngumusa

wakhe, sibe zindlalifa silethemba lokuphila okulaphakade. ⁸ Leli yilizwi eliqotho. Njalo ngithanda ukuba izinto lezi uzigcizelele ukuze kuthi labo abathembele kuNkulunkulu bananzelele ukuzinikela ekwenzeni okuhle. Izinto lezi zinhle kakhulu njalo zilosizo ebantwini bonke.

⁹ Kodwa xwaya impikiswano yobuwula lezindaba zosendo kanye lemibango lengxabano mayelana lomthetho ngoba lokhu akulasizo njalo kuyize. ¹⁰ Umuntu oxabanisayo mlaye kanye, uphinde umlaye okwesibili. Emva kwalokho mxwaye. ¹¹ Ungaba leqiniso ukuthi umuntu onjalo uxhwalile njalo uyisoni; nguye ozilahlayo yena ngokwakhe.

Amazwi Okucina

¹² Ngingaze ngithumele u-Athemasi kumbe uThikhikhasi kuwe, kumele uzame ngamandla akho wonke ukuza kimi eNikhopholisi ngoba sengizimisele ukuhlala khona ebusika. ¹³ Yenza konke ongakwenza ukuba usize uZenasi igqwetha kanye lo-Apholo ohanjweni lwabo ubone ukuba balakho konke abakuswelayo.

¹⁴ Abantu bakithi kumele bafunde ukuzinikela ekwenzeni okuhle ukuze bagcwalise izinswelo zansuku zonke njalo bangaphili impilo eyize.

¹⁵ Bonke abalami bayakubingelela.
Bingelela labo abasithandayo ekukholweni.

Umusa kawube lani lonke.

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